

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the disclosure was objected to because of an informality noted by the Examiner, and appropriate correction was required. Claims 1-2 and 13-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the prior art shown in Fig. 2 of applicants' application. Claims 3-12 were allowed. The drawings filed with the application were accepted by the Examiner.

In accordance with this response, rejected claims 1-2 and 13-14 have been canceled thereby leaving only allowed claims 3-12 pending in the application.

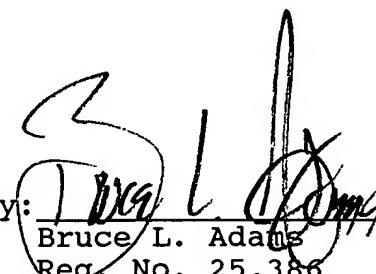
The specification has been revised to correct the informality noted by the Examiner as well as other informalities. Fig. 2 of the drawings has been corrected to properly show the lead line for reference character 101 to the laser weld point, thereby conforming the drawing to the written description in the specification. A new, more descriptive abstract has been added.

As rejected claims 1-2 and 13-14 have been canceled, only allowed claims 3-12 remain pending in the application. As all informalities have been corrected, the application is now believed to be in allowable form.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and passage
of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Submitted herewith is a replacement sheet of drawing for Fig. 2 in which the lead line for reference character 101 has been corrected.